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TAGS: CDES, VS (ORD, MARIA DOLORES ACHAVAL)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF MRS. ORD. REFERRED TO AS LOLINA ORD IN

REF: STATE 018504

CONGRESSMAN FLOOD INTERESTED.

1. SUBJECT NOT REPORTED AS MR. ORD AND MOBIL OIL, HIS EMPLOYER, HAVE TELEPHONICALLY AND TELEGRAPHICALLY NOTIFIED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES IN U.S. OF MRS. ORD'S DEATH. ORD INFORMED US HE SUSPECTS CONGRESSMAN FLOOD'S INQUIRY PROMPTED BY ORD'S COLLEGE CLASSMATE WHO NOW MEMBER CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF, ALTHOUGH ORD TOLD HIM NO CONGRESSIONAL INTERVENTION WAS REQUIRED.

2. CAUSE OF DEATH UNCERTAIN. DEATH CERTIFICATE LISTS

1) BLEEDING FROM RIGHT EAR LOBE APPARENTLY PIERCED BY FINGERNAIL, 2) NUMEROUS BRUISES ON THE NECK AND SUSPECTED BROKEN NECK, 3) NUMEROUS BRUISES ON THE BREAST.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY DOCTOR WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

POLICE ORIGINALLY DESIRED AUTOPSY BUT NOW, FOR REASONS

UNKNOWN, STATE THAT ONE IS NOT NECESSARY. ALTHOUGH HE

HAS PROVIDED AUTHORITIES WITH WRITTEN CONSENT TO AUTOPSY,

MR. ORD PREFERS THAT ONE NOT BE DONE. BODY HAS BEEN

RELEASED BY POLICE AND CURRENTLY IN SAIGON ADVENTIST

HOSPITAL MORGUE PENDING SHIPMENT TO THAILAND FOR

EMBALMING AND ONWARD MOVEMENT TO U.S. FOR BURIAL. MR.

ORD PROCEEDING TO U.S. TO ARRANGE FOR RECEPTION OF BODY,

WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE TRAVIS AFB NEXT WEEK, AND FUNERAL IN

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3. THERE NO DOUBT MRS. ORD MURDERED. PRIMARY SUSPECT  
IS YOUNG GARDENER EMPLOYED BY ORDS FOR PAST FOUR MONTHS.  
HE HAS DISAPPEARED AND IS BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE. MOTIVE  
APPEARS TO BE ROBBERY. MR. ORD STATES APPROXIMATELY ONE  
THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH SILVER FLATWARE MISSING, ALTHOUGH  
LARGE AMOUNT U.S. CURRENCY, JEWELRY, AND OTHER SMALL  
ITEMS OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE NOT REMOVED FROM BEDROOM  
WHERE MRS. ORD'S BOUND BODY FOUND BY FAMILY COOK. THERE  
ARE NO POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS TO CRIME. POLICE HAVE  
PROMISED FULL REPORT WHEN INVESTIGATION COMPLETED.  
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